

South Dakota

CATTLE INVENTORY

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SOUTH DAKOTA CATTLE INVENTORY UP FROM A YEAR AGO

SIOUX FALLS, July 21, 2000 -- All cattle and calves in South Dakota as of July 1, 2000 totaled 4.9 million head, up 100,000 head from the July 1, 1999 inventory, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. This is a 2 percent increase from last year's inventory.

All cows, at 1.95 million head, were 2 percent above the 1.91 million head on July 1, 1999.

Beef cows, at 1.847 million head, are also up 2 percent from last year's 1.808 million head. **Milk cows**, at 103,000 head, are up 1,000 head from last year.

The 2000 **calf crop** is expected to total 1.8 million head, up 1 percent from last year's 1.78 million head. If realized, this would be the largest calf crop in 16 years, but only 10,000 above the 1995 total of 1.79 million calves born.

Readers should be aware that the data in this report starts a new series of state estimates on **July 1 Inventory**. Numbers are now being published individually for eleven major cattle-producing states, accounting for 60 percent of the U. S. inventory. Heretofore, only national estimates were published at this time, with state data released for January 1 data.

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